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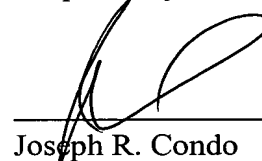
REMARKS

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the time and attention afforded by Examiner Gushi in connection with a personal interview conducted with the Applicant and the Applicant's undersigned representative on July 21, 2005. Applicant provides herewith a Statement of the Substance of the Examiner's Interview.

After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-25 and 33-40 will be pending in the application. Claims 1, 33, and 40 are independent claims.

Claims 1-25 and 33-40 stand allowed. Applicant has amended the allowed independent claims 1, 33, and 40 to recite a ground contact disposed adjacent to the differential signal pair in the first designation and to the single-ended signal conductor in the second designation. The ground contact is disposed in the same relative location within the contact array in both the first designation and the second designation. The terminal end of the ground contact extends beyond any terminal end of any of the signal contacts. Applicant respectfully submits that the art of record does not teach or suggest an electrical connector wherein contacts can be selectively designated as claimed with such a ground contact. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-25 and 33-40.

Respectfully submitted,



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